

Registration Shifts to Fieldhouse

Plans for simplifying registration have been made, are being made, and will continue to be made according to UNO Registrar Virgil Sharpe.

A tartan floor should be installed in the Fieldhouse by March. Sharpe had planned long ago to move registration to the Fieldhouse when the floor was installed. The University Audio-Visual Department has means by which any closed classes could be flashed on a large screen for all registrants to see.

Sharpe hopes to eliminate many of the forms which are now found with registration materials. He foresees a time when registration will be simplified by computers. This would make it possible to use only student name and identification number.

Many Register Early

Early registration will continue and be "enhanced" according to Sharpe. He said by the time of registration for second semester this year, eight thousand of the approximately ten thousand students had already completed enrollment procedure.

Sharpe cites one of the problems of registration as being counseling and advising. He says these things need not be taken care of at the time of registration.

Registration has been greatly affected by what Sharpe describes as the "rapid, meteoric" growth in student enrollment during recent years. Large numbers of students enrolling in classes cause them to close.

With the larger area available in the Fieldhouse, Sharpe hopes for better communication with advisors about closed classes.

Office Investigated

The registrar's office and registration were areas dealt with in the recent report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Demands and Grievances.

The recommendations of the committee concerned with registration were, in part: 1) that registration be housed in a single location; 2) that responsibility for class cards be placed in the hands of academic departments; 3) that a revised communications system be devised. Since these measures have already been considered by Sharpe and his staff, he describes the Ad Hoc Committee's findings as "backing up what we are going to do."

Sharpe says he realizes the problems of registration. These new measures are going to be tried, Sharpe said, but further improvements are being sought.

UNO Joins NSA

Student Services Offered

By KAY BROWN

UNO joined the National Student Association in August of 1969, just in time to attend the National Student Congress in El Paso, Texas.

The first years dues were only \$5 and constitute a trial membership.

According to Student Senate President S. Kent Wild, second year dues would be about \$100 to \$150, depending on the budgetary requirements of the national organization after assessing the amount of money received from other sources such as the Ford Foundation.

Wild first suggested UNO join NSA last summer, and after some communication with the national office, a motion to formally join the organization was made.

Eight to El Paso

UNO sent eight students to the El Paso Congress last August at a cost of about \$2000, according to Wild.

Wild said there was no written report of the Congress on file in the Student Senate office but suggested that he felt the UNO students benefitted from the Congress.

Wild said he himself spent most of his time talking to

other student body presidents getting ideas on approaches to use with administrators.

"We talked mostly about student activity fees, salaries for student government officials and office space for student government," said Wild.

Wild said he believed the sessions helped to educate the other senators.

'We're Antiquated'

"We didn't know how big student government could become and how antiquated we were," said Wild.

But how has our \$5 fee benefitted UNO since we spent \$2 thousand in August?

Wild lists three areas.

First is a NSA sponsored insurance plan. Wild said he checked the insurance company out beforehand with the state insurance licensing agency in Lincoln and was assured it was a very reputable firm.

Wild added the insurance information sent out to the students was done at the expense of the insurance company and cost UNO nothing.

Service Office

Another benefit is the Student Government Information Service. The national office collects data from all member schools on issues concerning campus life and how problems have been faced on other campuses.

Any student of a member school may write to this service for information.

Finally, Carol Schrader, chairman of the Student Senate Student Services Committee, said pamphlets on a NSA sponsored record club would be distributed on campus within about one week. Through the service students may order records, tapes, cartridges and cassetts at a reduced rate.

Money Problems Beset Association Operations

By FRANK BROWNING

Washington (CPS)—Remember the National Student Association? That's the one that used to work for the CIA in a conspiracy with Gary Powers, Walt Rostow, and Mayor Richard J. Daley to snuff out the Idealism of Young America.

Everybody thought it was curtains when Lyndon finally ordered the CIA to cut it out, settle accounts, and let the students pay their own bills.

On April 1 last year things had gotten so bad at the NSA townhouse between Georgetown and the Washington Ghetto that bankruptcy seemed imminent. "On April 1, NSA's bank account was \$7,500 overdrawn, we had not paid payroll tax for the first quarter of the year (which was \$20,000), our phone bill of \$10,000 was 60 days overdue, and our total debt equaled \$318,000," one of

last year's administrative staff members recalls.

On Feb. 1 the originators of the NSA Life Insurance Program registered a new corporation with the Securities Exchange Commission with hopes that stock will be available for trading in July.

Ties between NSA and NAS are the sort which compelled one of NSA's journalistic friends to warn me very early that "the whole thing's so confusing you'll probably end up getting sued."

In their Congress report presented last August, NSA officers said:

"We knew the market was there to greatly expand our Services Division and generate income for local student governments, as well as the national office, and we also knew that we were not tapping that

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Senate Proposals On Naylor's Desk

By MICHAEL CASMON

University Senate, in action taken Jan. 23, has passed and sent to University President Kirk Naylor the report and recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Demands and Grievances after making minor changes.

The most significant change made was in regard to the 54 black students and any recommendation to the court on their behalf.

As it was written in the report, the Senate was urged to recommend that University officials and legal counsel move, seek and support utmost leniency on the behalf of the 54 students.

But the Senate changed the section to read: "The University Senate feels it would be highly inappropriate for the University to take any disciplinary action, insofar as not required by law. . . . Further, the Senate expresses no opinion as to whether the Courts should determine that the students are technically guilty of violating a state statute."

It was added, though, that it is hoped the court would be aware of the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the attitude of students as found in the report, the conduct of the students during the incident and conduct subsequent, in determining what, if any, punishment should be imposed.

Guilt Implied

It was felt by Frank Forbes, Business College, who authored the change, the Committee's section implied guilt before the case was taken to court.

Later in the meeting, Danny Powers, asked the Senate to recommend to Naylor that charges against the 54 students be dropped. After some discussion, Dr. Carl Camp, who headed the Ad Hoc Committee, recommended Naylor be asked to explore every possibility that charges against the 54 students be dropped and discontinue prosecution, the reasoning being it might be out of Naylor's hands to drop charges.

The motion was tabled with some of the reasoning being it would be inconsistent with a previous resolution backing Naylor in his actions with the sit-in.

In resolutions, the Senate instructed several of its councils and committees to make studies in areas of student concern. One such council was the Council on Student Affairs which was instructed to examine the existing structure of the University Senate and determine whether or not students are appropriately represented. The Council's report is due no later than April 1.

The University Senate Publications Committee was instructed to review the existing policies regarding the sale and distribution of literature on campus, including in the bookstore. Their report is due by March 1.

Some Unchanged

Among the resolutions passed, that were not changed from the report include:

(1) Student Senate preparation of the student activities budget, recognition of all new student organizations with excerpts of their constitutions on file, and responsibility for the selection of all undergraduate student members to policy-making bodies, including University Senate committees;

(2) that the Director of the Student Center submit an annual report;

(3) that the University President evaluate thoroughly the qualifications and performance of personnel in the office of the Director of the Student Center to determine whether they should be retained at their present posts;

(4) that the registration process be improved, with the bulk of procedure taking place in a single location, preferably the Fieldhouse.

The University Senate, from a recommendation in the report, recommends that a thorough professional study by an agency outside the university system of the academic and administrative structures and procedures of the University.

The Senate finally voted with the report that a committee be set up to explore all possibilities for the development of an equitable UNO governing system.

The resolutions passed by the University Senate were sent to University President Naylor but as yet no decisions on them have been announced.

Final Hearing Today

Students have a second and final opportunity today to voice their opinions on the proper functioning and use of the Student Center.

The Expansion Committee of the Student Center Policy Board is holding a special open hearing at 1:30 p.m. in the Eppley Conference Center at the south end of the library.

The committee is to present a report on priorities for Center expansion, scheduled in December, to Dr. George Rachford, vice-president in charge of campus development, by Mar. 1.

The first hearing, held Feb. 4, drew few student participants; Mike Nolan, committee chairman, is hoping, however, for a greater response today.

Associate Dean Sought

The university is seeking qualified candidate. It consists of three students: Rosemary Weiss, University Division; Marilyn Russo, College of Arts and Sciences; Jim Anderson, College of Continuing Studies.

The two faculty members are Franklin Forbes, Business Administration and Dr. Edwin Clark, chairman of the Dramatics Department.

The staff member is Thelma Engle, Social Director for the University.

Forum Sunday

A public forum entitled "The News Media: How Well Do They Serve Omaha?" will be held this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Eppley Conference Auditorium.

The panel of six media professionals discussing the topic include: Jim Clemon, chief editorial writer, Omaha World-Herald; Allen Douglas, news director, KOIL; Mark Gautier, news director, KMTV; Jon Poston, city editor, KETV; Charles Washington, editor for Omaha Star, and Paul Williams, managing editor, Sun Newspapers. Warren T. Francke, professor of journalism at UNO, will serve as moderator.

Comment

War effort Flourishes

Ecology has become the hottest issue on college campuses since the Vietnam war.

With increased emphasis given to the question of environmental destruction, some observers tend to assume the pressure is off the Vietnam issue. There are reasons for the apparent change in direction by former peace marchers.

It is true that some troops are being brought home. It is true that the Moratorium marches are no longer effective (if they ever were). And it is also true that for the first time in history the federal budget has more money allocated for human needs than for defense.

On the surface it would appear that someone channeled a scum filled river through a hippie hangout and washed all the wierdos and protestors away. This, of course, is not true.

Dissent Continues

What is happening is a continuation of the war with the dissent so common at the end of this decade becoming less vocal. The entire question of direction in the Nixon policy was defused. The method, at least one of them, was the pollution question.

While students are being encouraged to rally around the pollution issue, dissent aimed at the administration's Vietnam policy is being buried under the garbage issue.

The problems caused by pollution are, of course, top priority issues. This does not mean that ending the war in Vietnam is any less important.

It would appear that it is more important now than ever to end the war so that additional resources might be used to stop pollution.

But what of the thousands of persons that lined the streets during October and November to protest the war, where have they gone?

Tactics Changed

For some the lack of what was considered significant action concerning Vietnam meant turning to more radical methods to show their discontent. Others have decided to become more moderate and measure the current policy being used in Southeast Asia.

Most of the Moratorium organizers and followers have abandoned former policies. The result has caused a division in the ranks of these people.

The Moratorium Committee, responsible for organizing the mass antiwar demonstrations of last year, has announced plans for protest in 1970 that are more moderate than those pursued during the fall. The plans include helping the political campaigns of antiwar candidates, staging taxpayer rallies, sending entertainment troupes to overseas G.I. bases and circulating "we won't go" petitions among students.

The Moratorium is also asking for people to fast on April 13, 14 and 15 and send money, saved from not eating to agencies which distribute relief food and funds to victims of the Vietnam war and the poor and oppressed in the United States.

The new Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam decided at a recent conference to widen the scope of its activities. It passed resolutions supporting the Black Panthers, tax resistance and the G.I. movement.

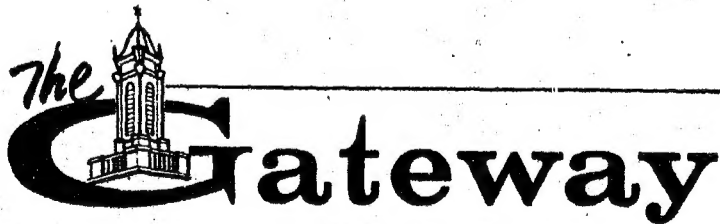
On April 15, the Mobilization plans anti-inflation picketing and boycotting, group tax protests or refusals, savings bond returns by G.I.'s and sit-downs at offices and stockholder meetings of large defense-contracting corporations.

Support of the G.I. movement will involve a mass action on Good Friday and on Memorial Day. The first mass action is tentatively planned to include marches on military bases across the country, according to Mobilization leaders.

Some observers of the original non-violent protest marches have also changed their appraisal of the current status of the Vietnam war. There are many who fear that the more militant elements within peace groups have been driven far enough left to become violent.

According to members of the Moratorium and Mobilization, the amount of violence, if any, involved in future demonstrations against the war will depend on the effectiveness of programs currently being used in Vietnam.

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Jericho's Jive—

UNO Racism Evident

By JERICHO HONORE

If you lay back and dig the scene as it has gone down on the "Omaha 54" for their attempts to improve the school environment, then you will be physically on the scene when they go to court on Monday at 9 a.m. at 1100 Dodge Street.

Why? Groove it my way.

History now agrees original man was black. He built great empires and civilizations with sophisticated cultures while the white man was still living in caves.

But, history (his story—not mine) has been whitewashed as has education in general, thus making it just another of our racist institutions.

This educational system, of which I am a product, makes me, as a black man, more the equivalent of an African exchange student since black has been systematically scratched from "traditional" curriculum.

Situation Ridiculous

In November, 54 black students demanded of our school a black studies program. It's ridiculous blacks should ever have had to ask that black studies be added, much less to demand it and be told no—then be jailed for having ever brought it up.

Racism is doing its thing right here at UNO. As one of the "Omaha 54" who went to jail because of racist attitudes, I feel dedicated to continuing the fight for student rights in general and black students dignity in particular.

Am I for real about this racism bag? Ask yourself if police intervention would have been the result of 54 white students had petitioned their university president with equally sincere motivation.

The "Omaha 54" were not treated as students; but as blacks, as castrated creatures not worthy of common consideration.

Committee Backfires

Always appoint an Ad Hoc committee when you don't want to do what needs doing. The committee idea backfired; they did a real thing. With all these petitions and committees and student surveys which have revealed beyond a doubt the Student Center and its director are also the center of contention, the administration refuses to confront what has proven to be the true issue, incompetence and documented discrimination.

The administration has indicated its willingness to attack discrimination when substantiated. We're waiting . . .

In retrospect, one might understand the existence of an abiding fear blacks might actually

take over the Administration Building with resulting violence and destruction, but such fear is not justified by any previous acts or suggestions, nor was it demonstrated in any subsequent way.

The paranoia which precipitated hurried police intervention has proved embarrassing to the administration, and they are prepared to make meaningful improvements as the ailments plaguing this university are more far reaching than the black issue alone.

Judge and Jury

But, the administration has at the same time demonstrated arrogance by assuming the role of both judge and jury, trying our case via the mass media, and pronouncing our conviction on all counts before our day in court.

That two of the three charges have already been dropped because they lacked sufficient substance to justify courtroom debate would appear to negate our public conviction at least in part.

These premature pronouncements lead me to believe my school administration is not motivated by an equal degree of paternalism in regarding the educational progress of black students.

Black students are students, too. We have proven our motives honorable, and the students in their reply to surveys have proven them necessary; but the travesty remains that 54 members of the student body face six months in jail and heavy fines on criminal charges because the administration over-reacted.

Some Condemn

A few have condemned the actions of the "Omaha 54" as being capricious. Some bootstrappers have expounded on the too-often blind rhetoric of the law and order philosophy as though blacks or students were accustomed to just treatment.

It all seems to be of secondary importance to the need for society, yes—this administration, to recognize the humanity and dignity of all people. If students, too, have presumed to convict their fellow students, they have failed to consider that we, though black, are students, too.

That the majority of the power structure at this university knows nothing of the intellectual level of the black students on campus is reflected by the claim, "It will never happen here."

The university administration said no to a demand for black studies while capitulating to a demand for a dance. A dance in exchange for our souls. No thanks! Niggers do more than dance these days.

NSA Monies Running Red

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market because of our relatively small investment in the area. During 1967-68, NSA's Services Division had netted less than \$25,000 in income, and the projections for 68-69 showed a net of only about \$50,000. What was missing was the professional approach and the investment money needed to transform a sluggish Division into NSA's most important source of operating income."

So the Association turned to two old friends from Annapolis, Garnett Clark and Ben King, owners and operators of Academic Underwriters of America, the agents for the NSA Life Insurance program.

The plan offers standard \$10,000 term life benefits at an annual premium of \$20 with an option to convert to regular life insurance — perhaps the best student insurance plan available.

If NSA survives, it will almost certainly be because too much has been invested now to stop. Without the Association and its more than 500 member schools, National Academic Services Corp. would lose the key to its marketing strategy. And besides the loan Commercial Credit made to NSA, its subsidiary, American Health and Life, loaned NAS \$700,000. It holds warrants for 200,000 shares of NAS stock as collateral.

the FIFTH column

'Garbagization'

By DAVE SINK

A study of history will reveal many of the great civilizations which we read about fell as a result not of invasion from without but rather because of decay from within.

The United States, too, is on the path to self-destruction, and as usual, Americans have utilized their ingenuity to destroy themselves in a most original manner. You see, the entire country is in the process of being overwhelmed by its own garbage.

Pollution of the air and of the water is a reality, and a crisis of monumental proportions. Centers of urban population have become gigantic games of Russian roulette. Breathing the air of Los Angeles each day reacts upon the human body in much the same way as would the consumption of an entire package of cigarettes.

Rivers Polluted

More disconcerting is the trend of this pollution infection to surge ahead of the population increase. Thus the year 2000 will see a vast megalopolis arching from Miami, Fla., to Minneapolis, Minn.—the entire area deluged with fatal concentrations of waste in the air and in the water. This tragedy of neglect will be our experience unless measures are taken soon to cope with this crisis.

Some of the measures necessary to alleviate the pollution problem are expensive—some are not. Case in point: Approximately 80 per cent of the water pollution problem in this nation is caused by detergents.

Every time you enter a laundromat you add to the problem. These detergents are composed of about 25 per cent concentrated detergent and about 75 per cent lava and fluff filler. The concentrated detergent itself is made with a petroleum base. Petroleum, lava, and fluff filler will not decompose when introduced into a body of water. Thus detergents of this type, once put into water, literally become perpetual water pollution.

Yet at least one company has established it is possible to produce an organic compound with cleaning power equal to that of petroleum base detergents. Further, this type of detergent can be produced at half the cost of petroleum base products, and is completely biodegradable.

Hypothetically then, it is reasonable to assume up to 80 per cent of our water pollution problem could be alleviated by a law

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Opera Opens Tonight

The UNO Theater will present Alessandro Scarlatti's "Il Trionfo dell'Onore" (The Triumph of Honor), tonight (Friday) and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the UNO Administration Building.

A 13-piece chamber orchestra of strings, harpsichord and oboe will provide accompaniment and all music will be sung in the English language.

Co-directors for the comic opera with a happy ending are Dr. Robert Ruetz, professor of music, and Daniel Sullivan, music instructor.

The opera is set in a small piazza on the outskirts of Pisa, in the late 17th century.

The plot involves Riccardo Alberori, who is engaged to Lenora Dorini, but has won the love of Doralice, fiancée of Leonora's brother Erminio, and deserted her as well. Flaminio has promised to wed the wealthy Cornelia, but he slyly woos her maid Rosina. Meanwhile, Capt. Rodimarte Bombarda, Riccardo's companion-at-arms, also seeks Rosina's favor. She likes neither man.

The two adventurers seek money from Flaminio, Riccardo's uncle, while the two forsaken damsels seek advice from Cornelia, Dora's aunt.

After many comical experiences, everyone returns to his original love and Rosina is paired with the captain.

Riccardo Alberori is portrayed by Julian Klaczynsky. The leading role of Leonora Dorini is double cast, with Martha Sheil and Donna Abdouch rehearsing the part.

Tickets may be purchased at the University ticket office today or at the door before each performance. The cost is \$1.50 each for the public. Admission is free for students with ID's.

'Garbagization'

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barring the use of petroleum, lava, and fluff filler in the manufacture of detergents.

Such legislation will not be passed by Congress, however. The reason for the inactivity of our government is a deeper indictment of our society than pollution itself.

Anti-pollution legislation will be stalled by lobbyists. A corporation having as much at stake in the detergent industry as Procter and Gamble, which manufactures eleven different laundry detergents and authorizes an annual advertising budget of \$258 million, obviously possesses the financial resources necessary to block any legislation detrimental to its position of dominance in the detergent industry.

President Nixon has initiated an effort to enlighten the nation as to the crisis which confronts it. Perhaps this student underestimates the persuasiveness of our chief executive. However, I believe I will see the day when our problem will necessitate the erection of signs in our harbors which state:

"Caution—living in America may be hazardous to your health."



Carol Campbell and flowers, both in bloom at Coed Contest.

Carol Chosen

Carol Campbell, a senior education major, will represent UNO in the national Top Ten College Girls Contest sponsored by Glamour Magazine.

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Brown Baggin' It

By RICHARD D. BROWN

Opera is very much the "in thing" or so Dr. Robert Ruetz, musical director of the UNO Opera Theater, would like to believe, even though student support of his productions might not confirm his optimism.

Why has opera maintained its popularity since it first was performed about 1600 in Florence, Italy? "Opera deals with nearly every type of emotion—emotions which are blown up by gestures and violent facial reactions," says Ruetz, a five year veteran of the UNO Opera Theatre.

Ruetz, who came to UNO from Southwest Missouri State College is quick to cite one of the unique features of the opera—the vocal aspect of the production which allows dramatic action to be temporarily halted and specific moods to be dwelled upon.

"Opera is not a realistic thing," says the 41-year-old professor of music. "The audience is lifted to a new dimension because opera deals with moods and expressions in a non-realistic way," Ruetz adds.

Communication, especially vocal communication, is of the utmost importance if the audience is to experience total involvement and this is the key to the success of the opera, Ruetz believes. He emphasizes it is not all at all unusual for the audience to become so totally absorbed in the production that they experience much the same moods as the characters. Several in a recent audience broke into tears.

Superb command of the voice is of cardinal importance for an opera star as he doesn't have electronic gadgets and amplifiers to aid his vocal performance. Many of UNO's opera students have had up to 15 years of voice training, although it is not at all uncommon for some national opera notables to have had at least 50 years of professional voice training behind them, according to Ruetz.

Opera at UNO is in a somewhat precarious position—out of the 400 some patrons at each performance, no more than one-fourth are students. Ruetz feels a lack of student understanding of the opera is one reason for this.

"The old concept of opera hurts" says the 1965 founder of UNO's Opera Theatre. "Many students still see opera characters standing like a tree and screaming," explains Ruetz. He hopes to change this image in the near future by offering a new course in the literature of the opera.

The packed house and standing ovation the UNO professor was greeted with in directing an all-city high school opera at Burke High School recently has added to his optimism regarding the future of his favorite production.

Since beginning his job in creating the UNO Opera Theatre, Ruetz has seen both the quality and quantity of productions increase.

Student support, however, is important to the future of the opera at UNO and the soft-spoken professor and director is not reticent to admit it. "Students should take more advantage of the opera and plays at UNO," she says.

"Opera is In" is a publicity slogan currently being used by the Omaha Civic Opera and Ruetz is eager to note that he is in full agreement.

ODDS AND ENDS . . .

It won't be a "flea circus" but rather a "flea market" on Feb. 21 when the UNO Recreation and Parks Society sponsors the school's first "flea market." The public is invited to the sale in the Milo Bail Student Center which opens at 10 a.m. Members of the university community can donate collector's items and antiques as well as such household items as tools, dishes, furniture, etc., for the sale. Individual students and/or campus organizations can apply for selling space by inquiring in the Student Activities Office, MBSC 250.

UNO President Kirk Naylor will discuss the challenges facing the campus with NU Chancellor Durward Varner in a half-hour special on KYNE-TV, Channel 26, Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 10 p.m. and the following evening at 7:30.

The once-grassed area east of the Library Office Annex was rocked and converted into a parking lot last fall for construction vehicles only. Recently, however, many faculty cars have been parked in the lot. It almost makes one wonder if UNO faculty members could be reviving the old principle of "squatter's rights."

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The Scoreboard

It finally happened. UNO is the No. 1 wrestling team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Of course, it isn't a big shock. The Indians have been rated second by The Amateur Wrestling News the past couple of seasons, as well as being runner-up in the NAIA tournament twice.

The gratifying part, the thing that makes this selection so doubly satisfying, is the way the Indians celebrated. The victories over Colorado State College and Athletes in Action give the UNO perch a solid foundation.

A side note which takes a back seat to the performances on the mat is the total attendance of the two matches. There were 4,449 fans, 2,478 seeing the AIA win and 1,971 against CSC.

Sooners Beaten

The victories served to prove one theory: that the Indians compare favorably in competition with known wrestling powers. Colorado State is ranked third in the NCAA College Division. AIA counts Oklahoma among its four wins. The Sooners are ranked fifth in the NCAA.

As a matter of fact, the Big Eight has two other schools in the top ten in top-ranked Iowa State and No. 2 Oklahoma State, which then prompts one to wonder how the Indians would fare against the Big Eight.

'No Leverage'

It seems to me wrestling at the University of Nebraska at Omaha has gone about as far as it can go, as far as won-loss records go. There is still an NAIA title, but the attainment of that goal would not take anyone by surprise. The big thing for UNO now is an opportunity to prove it is as good against NCAA schools as it is against the Wistaria State Teachers Colleges.

It is not a concealed fact that the school has tried to schedule big-name wrestling powers. Obviously, they have been denied.

"There's no leverage we can use," says Don Benning, referring to the fact that UNO is still "small-time" in athletics and thus has nothing to offer.

It would understandably be a blow to Iowa State or Oklahoma State were the Indians to win.

"Most (schools) say they want to wrestle top competition, but they don't practice what they preach," adds Benning, who owns a 71-23-3 record before Thursday's match against Wisconsin State-River Falls.

"We've tried to schedule every Big Eight team," states Benning. He indicated that Oklahoma was the only team leaving the door ajar. The Sooners may visit the fieldhouse next season.

Answer: Prestige

But then Benning says something intriguing: "Some of the bigger schools are not any better than the teams we wrestle."

Then why does UNO want to bother getting on the schedule of a big-time team?

The answer, which should be obvious, is that a victory over Wyoming (last year) is twice as prestigious as a win over Emporia State. And there is also always the possibility of a loss to a Northwest Missouri (last year, also).

If this is the case with UNO, it is the rule with Big Time University. Big Time would be eager to fill a schedule with Emporia, recognizing an easy win, but it is silly to schedule small-time UNO and a possible loss.

'They Lose Little'

Benning, who stated he was "definitely surprised" at the margin of victory against Colorado State (25-9), realizes one advantage a bigger school has over the Indians is depth.

"They lose very little with an injury, but we'd be in real trouble. If we get somebody hurt, we're shot. We don't have anybody." But he adds: "It's no different than in past years."

Indeed, the Indians have been fortunate, injury wise. Don Benning is knocking on wood, too, for the end of the regular season is near. There is only one more home match for UNO, Feb. 20 against Northwest Missouri, that small-time club that embarrassed the locals, 15-14, last season.

That was in the "Show-Me" state. It would be nice to give the Injuns a warm send-off to the conference, district and national championships.

Gary Anderson, Sports Editor

Wesleyan, Morningside visit Indians' Track Tonight at 7

Nebraska Wesleyan and Morningside will be fieldhouse visitors tonight against the UNO track team. Field events are set for 7.

The Indians easily defeated Tarkio, Mo., College last Friday, breaking three school and fieldhouse records.

UNO defeated both clubs last year in separate triangulars. The Indians will be sending Harry Johnson, College Division winner of the 50-yard dash in the U.S. Federation Track and Field meet at Civic Auditorium.

Johnson, who was third in the NAIA at Kansas City, won the

60 last week in :06.3. He also copped the low hurdle crown.

Last week's record breakers scheduled to compete tonight include Chuck Wallerstedt, Marc Cizek and Duane Taylor.

Wallerstedt broke the half-mile mark with a 1:56.6 run. Cizek vaulted 13-8 and Taylor sailed 6-8 in the high jump, snapping Sam Singleton's school record of 6-7½.

The Indians notched three other firsts in the Omaha meet. Mike McCormick won the mile, Taylor took the high jump and the relay team of Tom and Mike McCormick, Gordon Sweeney and Wallerstedt copped the two mile.

Indian Cagers Bracing For Colorado Team

UNO's first place cagers will host Southern Colorado Saturday night at 7:30 at the field house, hoping for a reversal of an earlier setback.

The Colorado Club edged the Indians, 79-74, last Friday at Pueblo. The loss was only the second in conference play for Omaha.

Tuesday night the Indians will be in Pittsburg State for their final road game of the season. UNO captured a 98-78 decision in the fieldhouse Dec. 15 against the Gorillas.

Saturday night the Indian cagers face Southern Colorado State College for the second time in eight days.

The Indian roundballers will be on the warpath against SCSC, looking to avenge an earlier 79-74 loss to the Pueblo crew. (Note: SCSC's nickname is also Indians.)

Next Tuesday night, Feb. 17, the cagers embark on a road trip to Pittsburg, Kansas for a game with the Pittsburg State.

The Gorillas will hope to avenge an earlier loss to our Indians, one in which they were humbled 98-78.

Though the Gorilla crew has not been in the thick of the conference race, they still may provide some scrappy competition for the Indians.

Last Tuesday night, Feb. 10, the Indians completely dominated a badly outmanned Emporia State team, 84-70.

Though the score does not show complete domination, it becomes a significant factor considering that four members of the Papooses (J.V.) team, played the final six to eight minutes of the game.

The Indians jumped off to a 16-2 advantage before the Hornets could even score a field goal. Their two points came on two free throws.

The cagers continued to dominate until they hit a cold spell and the Hornets came within five, 21-26, with 3:52 to play in the first half. That was to be the closest they would come all night.

A scrappy defense during the second half forced the stung Hornets into numerous mistakes, while the cagers outscored the invaders 9-4, and took a commanding 46-30 lead.

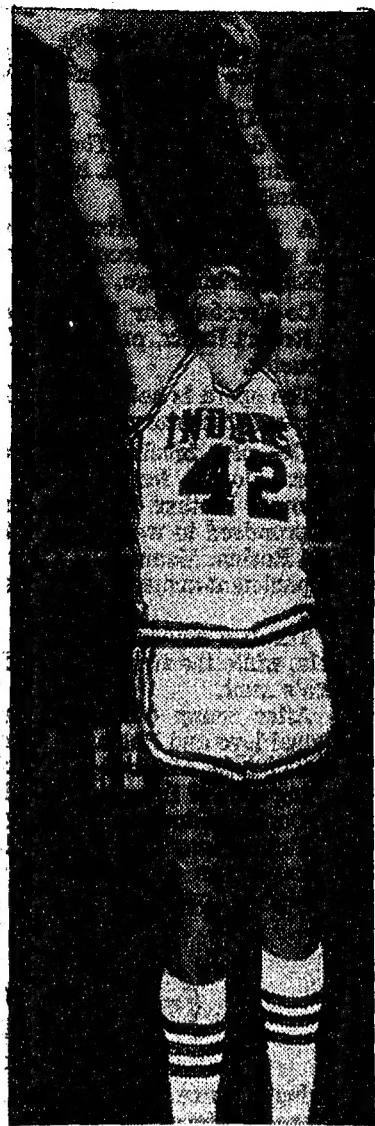
The cagers added to their lead and gained their largest margin, 70-49, on a Bobby Allen layup with 6:34 left in the game.

After that, Head Coach Bob Hanson swept the bench allowing others to see varsity combat.

Arthur Allen again led all scorers with 20 points, and grabbed nine rebounds. Paul Sieckowski continued his outstanding play by scoring 18 points. He connected on seven of 11 shots from the field and four of four from the charity stripe.

But the victory was not so sweet for forward Chuck Johnson. The 6-4 junior from Plattview, Colo., suffered torn knee ligaments in a freak accident during practice Monday, and will probably be lost for the season.

The Emporia win now puts the Indians back into sole possession of first place in the Plains Division of the Rocky Mountain Conference with a 5-2 record.



Johnson . . . Out for year.

Indian Wrestlers Travel to Wayne; Only One Home Match on Schedule

Wayne State, the No. 8 team in the recent Amateur Wrestling News NAIA ratings, will host UNO Tuesday night, hoping for a chance to spoil the lustrous Indian mark.

Omaha took a 23-5 win last season en route to the runner-up spot in the national tournament.

The Wayne dual is the next

to last match on the Indian schedule. A home match against Northwest Missouri, the only UNO conqueror last season, looms next Friday.

Conference championships at Gunnison, Colo., and the district NAIA meet at Fremont will keep the Indians out of the fieldhouse the rest of the year.

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